

On page 16, line 9, replace "n" with -- p_1 --.

On page 17, line 34, delete "E (E, N)" and insert --E = (e, n)-- in place thereof.

On page 17, line 35, delete "D (D, N)," and insert --D = (d, n)-- in place thereof.

On page 18, line 2, delete "E" and insert -- D'-- in place thereof.

On page 18, lines 5 through 7, replace " the communication is greater than $n-1$, it will need to be broken up into blocks of size M where $0 \leq M \leq N-1$ " with the message to be communicated is represented by a numerical value greater than $n-1$, it will need to be broken up into blocks of size M where $0 \leq M \leq n-1$.

REMARKS

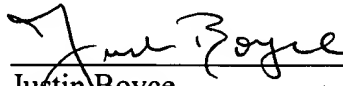
This Amendment is filed in conjunction with and as a supplement to the Amendment filed on September 27, 2000. The above indicated amendments to the specification have been made to correct matters of form and to render the specification more clear and concise. Support for the amendments to the specification may be found throughout Applicants disclosure as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. In view of the above indicated amendments and the amendments indicated in the previous Amendment (filed on September 27, 2000), Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and request a prompt notice of allowance of the pending claims.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment of required fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account 02-3964.

Date: September 29, 2000

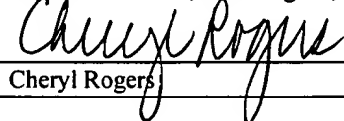
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